



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize Removal of One Tulip Tree from the Civic Center Plaza in Preparation for the All Veterans Plaza Construction Project

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2001

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

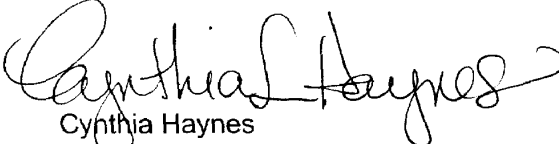
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize removal of a tulip tree in the Civic Center Plaza for installation of the Veterans Plaza fountain.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As part of the design of the fountain for the Veterans Plaza, the architect planned to remove one tulip tree on the west side of the walkway, immediately north of the walkway to the rear entrance to Carnegie Forum. Because the tree is mature and a good specimen, staff wished to confirm this action with the City Council.

The design includes a 25-foot diameter fountain with an approximately 8-foot diameter granite sphere in the center. The fountain width requires that the existing walkways be widened in the vicinity of the fountain. This widening extends the walkway into the trunk of the existing tree. In addition, the plan is to frame the fountain with four new, small trees on each side. City staff and the architect are still working on the landscape design and will provide additional information at the meeting.

Saving the tree would entail substantially changing the design to reduce the size of the fountain and the other elements, since they are all interrelated. This would set the schedule back many weeks and would increase the cost of the project for redesign fees plus reordering many of the granite elements which would mean additional costs.

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